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LET'S FINISH THE JOB

The boys have done it, and VICTORY IS OURS! The hardships they have endured, the dangers they have faced, and the sacrifices they have made for the cause of liberty call for everlasting gratitude from us at home and all freedom-loving people throughout the world. They have finished their job, and theirs is the honor and the glory.

At home the workers of the Nation have not only turned out the materials so necessary to the winning of the war, but through the purchase of war bonds they have paid for them as well. But the job is NOT YET FINISHED. Though men no longer face death in battle, the cost of the war in dollars will continue for some time to come. There is still an urgent call for huge expenditures - to bring the men and women in uniform back home - to rehabilitate the wounded - for mustering-out pay - for veterans' benefits - for reconversion - and for lots of other war bills still to be paid.

That's why all of us have a share in the Victory Loan, which opens on October 29 and continues until December 31. So let's continue our purchase of bonds through payroll savings and also buy an extra bond for cash during the drive.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB



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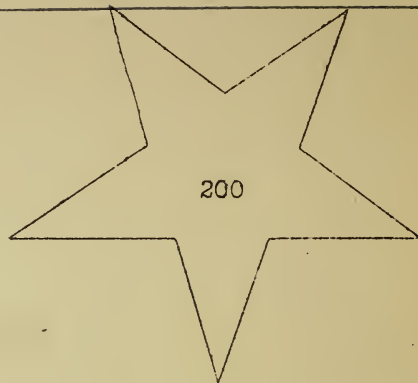
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News for the next issue of the GRAPE-VINE should be in by Friday, November 2.



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News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lt. Paul O. Ritter, U.S.C.G.R., U.S.S., LST 790, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California, in a letter to Mr. Anthony says:

Right now we are on the beach at Ie Shima (You may remember it as the place where Ernie Pyle is buried) picking up our second load for Tokyo Bay.

Can't remember now whether you ever mentioned being in Yokohama, but on our last trip we cleared the breakwaters there as a typhoon was approaching (wind and rain gusts up to 60 miles) and then rode it out for about 12 hours in the bay.

Actually, the storm center passed about 110 miles away, which is the closest we've been on this ship. There have been several about 400 to 500

miles away. Over all, the weather has been better than on Greenland Patrol and another month should see the end of the typhoons for this season.

The chief irritation for a CO out this way now is the point system. Under the publicized formula the men are eligible to go back, but you can't return them and keep the ships going. Eventually they will decommission most of them but, until then, the men retained, are not very happy about it and tend to blame the CO.

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Sgt. Ernest G. Thomas, #37381066 "A"
Det. 5th R.S.M., A.P.O. 627, c/o P.M.,
New York, N. Y. - I wish you would drop
my name from your overseas mailing list
as I am leaving for the States soon.

High point men and over age men are
being sent out of this area in large
numbers. At present all men are being
flown from here to seaports in India.

I want to thank you for sending the
Grapvine, the General Files' letters,
and the Christmas packages. I have
enjoyed them all very much. Hope to
be seeing you soon.

NEW SERVICE ADDRESSES

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If we don't discipline ourselves the
world will do it for us.

JOIN US FOR FUN

All aboard for the Lake of the Ozarks!
We will save the hiking until we get
there. Bring fishing tackle, kodaks,
and appetites.

Watch the bulletin board for specific
information.

Verna Brewer, Chairman
Hiking Committee

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In a small town in the South there was
a lad who had the reputation of not
being very bright. People there had fun
with him several times each day by plac-
ing a dime and a nickel on the open palm
of his hand, and telling him to take his
pick of the two. In each case the lad
would pick the nickel, and then the
crowd would laugh and guffaw.

A kind-hearted old lady asked the un-
fortunate youth one day: "Don't you
know the difference between the dime and
a nickel, son? Don't you know the dime,
though smaller, is worth more than the
nickel?"

"Sure, I know it," he answered, "but
they wouldn't try me out on it any more
if I took the dime."

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The battleship was in port and visitors
were being shown around. The guide was
exhibiting a bronze tablet set in the deck.
Guide: Here is where our gallant
captain fell.

Nervous old lady: Well, no wonder,
I nearly tripped over it myself.

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Wallie: Gee, pop, there's a man at the
circus who jumps on a horse's back,
slips underneath, catches hold of its tail,
and finishes up on the horse's neck!

Dad: That's easy. I did all that the
first time I ever rode a horse.

Strictly Personal



Accounts Subdivision. John Jeffers, ending 3 years of service in the Navy spent mostly in the South Pacific, is welcomed back to FCA...Mary Denton weekendend at her home in St. Joe, Mo... A letter from former FCA'er Helen Goswellen gives forth with her enjoyment of her work and the Washington way of living...Reports Section proudly announces its 100-percent attendance at the Victory Dance on October 19.

Administrative Accounts. 'Tis hard to determine which gleams the most, the sparkle in Ruth Burris' eyes or the brilliance of the diamond she now wears on her left hand, the gift of Sgt. Dick Elliott, recently returned from overseas' duty with the 635th Tank Destroyer's Battalion of the Medical Corps and now about to receive his discharge... Betty DeGraffenreid has received the good news that her husband, John, will receive his final discharge from the Army after almost 3 years' service, 2 spent overseas...The happiness alighting Judy Ferguson's face these days we suspect to be caused by the presence of Cpl. Kenneth Whitney in Kansas City on furlough...Rae Crim has word that her brother, Lt. Robt. Sanford, formerly with the 88th Division in Italy, has received a permanent commission in the regular Army and after conclusion of a furlough in D. C. and Virginia will be stationed in South Carolina.

Cooperative. Alma Day's sister and her husband, enroute from California to their home in Michigan, were guests of hers...Margaret Elliott Panrucker is a new bride as of Thursday, October 18... S. D. Sanders recently visited oil co-ops in Oklahoma City.

Examination. George Bartlett vacationed at his home in Kansas City...Having dinner with Iowa friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Slotsky, at the Muchlebach Terrace Grill was a recent pleasure of Charlotte Liebbling...Two former FCA'ers, Vera Jones and Frances O'Connor Hall, with Mrs. Hall's two children, visited in the division...Latest word from Sgt. "Chuck" Nelson informs us he is enroute to Korea...Maj. Leslie Soderberg greeted friends in the division, imparting the news that he expects to return to examination duties in the near future... Dorothy Campbell, who departed from Kansas City as a Marine in 1943, is welcomed back to the division.

F&A Executive & General. Ruth Hudson is vacationing in Dalhart, Tex...A word from vacationist Verna Brewer says she is now enjoying Lebanon, Mo...Beverly Hier is taking leave to greet her husband returning from Sweden.

Finance Subdivision. The W. T. McKeowns are spending a few days visiting relatives in South Dakota...Transferring to the Weather Bureau, Marjorie Wiss received a brown bag and gloves as a parting gift from coworkers - also an anonymous gift of corn plasters so she can tell the weather by her corns... W. F. Patterson and family are vacationing in D. C. and Ohio...E. J. Repetto received the well wishes of coworkers as he departed for Winston-Salem, N. C., to accept a position with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company...Bill Albright has sold his home and has joined the "sad" ranks of apartment hunters...Mae Gregory is back from a 30 days' vacation spent with her soldier husband...To Lucille Barr, Securities Section extends a hearty welcome...Two happy wives have been "floating on air," Olga Markham because her husband is again a civilian and Marion Murphy because her husband has arrived in Kansas City after completing his work in Seattle.

Graphic. Dorothy Palmer has been entertaining her favorite sailor, Elgin Thelen, Av. M 2/c, the past week ...A recent visitor in the section was Edna Misterek's brother, Capt. E. A. Misterek, enroute to his home in South Dakota...Lena Beckstead, tired but happy, has just returned from a vacation in Minnesota.

Information & Extension. Recent departee Violet Hardin and her husband, who is now happy in his role of civilian, were visitors in the division.

Land Bank. We have word from Lila Stefan that tonsils are no longer a worry of hers...T. Burkett is back at his desk following a short illness...Angler F. E. Prentice, returning from a 3 weeks' vacation in Minnesota, reports it is unusual but true that the fish are just not biting...The bright smile worn by Lucille Holmes is caused by the presence of her husband who is on vacation from his position with GAO in Washington and New York..."The kindnesses of friends meant so much to me while I was ill" says Dorothy Griffith referring to her recent stay in St. Mary's Hospital.

Library. Mabel Schweitzer has returned from a refreshing vacation in Ottawa, Kans...Lucille Achauer attended the Missouri Library Convention in Columbia, Mo., on October 11 and 12.

Mail. Glad to have newcomer Mary Kidwell in our midst...On October 9 a taste of Paul Rapp's birthday cake was enjoyed by all the gang...Mary Louise Downing spent a weekend with relatives and friends in Maryville, Mo. ...Mabel Cease was remembered with birthday refreshments in the office on October 16, and the day following she was on sick leave!

Personnel. Elinor Mitchell spent a weekend at her home in St. Joe, Mo...

Josephine Gerdes' boy friend, Frank Lindbloom, has returned home from Europe and is again a civilian... "I was spinach," Camille Humbrecht admits, which caused her to roll a bowling score of 163...Carietta Rech departed for Howard, Kans., to assist her family in a move to their new home ...Former FCA'er John Francis, now of Chicago, was a visitor in the division ...Teddy Taylor's brother, Bob, is a returnee from the CIB theatre of war ...Lela and Arnold Gilbert, with their tiny daughter, arriving from Denver visited former coworkers in FCA.

Production Credit. Coworkers have learned that the giver of the new sparkler worn by Madeline Brockman on her left hand is Robert Lamborn, a discharged veteran.

Purchase & Supply. On the eve of October 17 in the rectory of Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Virginia Paine, lovely in blue gown and veil, was wed to Ensign Kenneth Caldwell. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Blue Hills Country Club. Many wedding gifts were received by Virginia at a shower given on October 11 at the club by Joye Bentrup, Mary Harris, and Mary Terry; a set of sterling silver etched glassware was a gift of coworkers...Mary Harris, transferring to the Commerce Department, was honored at an office party on a recent afternoon. Gifts to Mary from FCA'ers included a Sheaffer featheredge fountain pen and a corsage of white carnations...Former FCA'er Millard Finnell's son, Millard, Jr., stopped in for a visit with the news of his recent marriage to a Kansas City girl...Francis Smith has received news of the marriage of his sister, Lt. Marian Smith, of the Army Nurse Corps, in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, to Maj. Wm. McKey. The couple honeymooned on the Riviera and expects to return to the States before Christmas.

Solicitor's Office. Adelina Doyle has received the good word that her husband is on his way home from Germany... Newcomer Mae Reed is welcomed to Short-Term Credit Division...Margaret Working is spending an extended vacation with her husband, newly arrived from overseas, at his home in Ligonier, Ind.

Stenographic. Lillian Wortman is spending a week in Fosterburg, Ill... Ella Nichols was a guest on the WEB 1:15 p.m. "Roving Reporter" program recently, receiving as a reward a free ticket to the Midland Theater...Ruth Brecheisen's mother and sister from Garnett, Kans., visited her on a recent weekend...Travelers taking advantage of the double holiday weekends include Marceline Pearson to her home in Marysville, Kans.; Mildred Hare to Versailles, Mo.; Gladys Lytle to the Ozarks with a fishing pole; Mildred Baum to her home in Hatfield, Mo.; and Doris Adams to her home in Ozawkie, Kansas.

Tabulating. Elisa Sandoval's brother and his wife from Santa Fe, N.M., visited in the unit...Helen Riggs is vacationing with her husband in Springfield, Mo...A weekend was spent by Norma Jeanne Talkington visiting friends in Lincoln, Nebr., and Shenandoah, Iowa...Poggy Smyth is back at her desk fully recovered from a recent operation.

Telephone. Ella Sheehy is happy over the return of her sailor husband from 19 months' duty in the South Pacific... Helen Baughman entertained her mother and sister from Muskogee, Okla., over a weekend...A recent visitor in the office was former operator Leola Clayton who has returned to Kansas City with her husband, Jack, presently with CCC here.

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BUY VICTORY BONDS REGULARLY

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

"Ed" Cake (now a civilian!) dropped in to see his former FCA co-workers the other day. Says he will be seeing us again soon...Joe Linden, also out of the service, has been in to visit us and is planning to accept a position here in the Department...We hear that Charlie Ritter is stationed on Guam and has paid several visits to Japan...Lt. (j.g.) Alex Swantz writes that he was very fortunate in being relieved from sea duty and in being sent to Seattle where he can have his family with him.

Things were "humming" here to such an extent last week with the conferences, etc., that it seemed like FCA was already "together again." Shall we look over the "Spar" barracks and pick out some nice quarters in order to be prepared? Or shall we hold out for dear old 1300 E?

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DANCERS ENJOY AD CLUB

Nearly 300 Farm Credit Club members, their friends, and uniformed guests of the club attended the Victory Dance on October 19 held at the Ad Club. They had such a good time that they didn't want to go home at 12 o'clock so the boys played 'til high onto 1.

Downstairs in the cozy atmosphere of the La Conga Room members tried their luck at interesting games. Delta Vaughn and her gang hailed the entrance of each FCA'er with "Hi, come over and join our table." On the second floor hostesses greeted each new arrival, and soon the grand march led by Governor and Mrs. Duggan, with Acting Deputy Governor and Mrs. Esgate second, gave the evening a gala start. The dreamy waltzes and hot tunes of Kenneth White

and the boys drew dancers on the floor; and when Paul Joneses were announced every seat was emptied as all joined in the fun of mingling and saying hello to the tune of a few dance steps.

During intermission Louise "Fort Knox" Pressgrove, glamorous in gold and black and more gold, by popular request borrowed the microphone and amused with a number of choice jokes which could be told in public. Following solos by Ralph Foster's daughter, Ann, and by Helen Brecheisen, there was community singing of such favorites as "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "School Days." The spotlight last fell on Walt Hein who entertained with clever antics in the way of singing and dancing.

"It was one of the best dances the club has ever had," attendants agree, and give praise to the efficient planning of George Hinde and his committee composed of Walt Hein, Milt Hoberecht, Bernice Nilson, Louise Schwendeman, and W. A. Cleveland.

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HERE'S A TIP

It may be that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong - but that's the way to bet.
- Damon Runyon

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In the concert of nations too many want to beat the drum and not enough want to play second fiddle.

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Some people are bent with work; others get crooked trying to avoid it.

Additional Washington News:

Captains Bill Kane and Harvey Wright are out of the service and have been in to see us. Ralph Drummheller (also out) says he is going to photographic school. Lt. Ed Waterman dropped by for a chat. Stanley O'Donnell bumped into "Baldy" at the separation center and they are now civilians. Giff Hoag (our "wandering reporter") saw John Fox and Ernie Enquist (FCA'ers away back!) a week ago and they both claim to be "junk dealers" - Surplus Property to you.

The girls here bade farewell at a luncheon last week to Margaret Tunstall who is returning to Kansas City, and presented her with a lovely orchid. I & E welcomes Ruth Coulter, and CR&S welcomes Dorothy Cundall and Katherine Palmer.

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"What are the chances of my recovering, doctor?"

"One hundred percent. Medical records show that nine out of every ten die of the disease you have. Yours is the tenth case I've treated. Others all died. You're bound to get well. Statistics are statistics."

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BE CAREFUL

Look out for your tongue; it's in a wet place and might slip.

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A woman is happy before a glass, and many a man is happy after a glass or two.

CALENDAR OF CLUB ACTIVITIES

Following is a schedule of club-sponsored activities for the current year. In order that new members may know whom to contact for further information the name of the chairman of each group is also given:

Bridge - Beginners' Class - Tuesday,
6:00 - Elizabeth Welch
- Club - Monday, 6:00 -
Ellis Batten
Both groups meet in
Club Room

Chorus - Monday, 5:00,
1345E - Margaret Porter

Dressmaking - Mon., Tues., Wed.,
or Fri. (any day), 6:30,
YWCA - Helen McCabe

Movies - Tuesday, 12:00 and 1:00,
1345E - Landon Porter

Photography - Friday, 4:45, Club
Room - also field trips -
Mary Freeze

Radio - Wednesday, 12:45, 1345E -
Clay Mobley

Sketch Class - Tuesday, 5:30, 1345E -
Catherine Hardy

Spanish - Beginners' Class -
Wednesday, 5:00, 1345E
- Intermediate - Wednesday,
5:30, 2330
- Club - 2nd and 4th Wednesday,
5:30, 1345E
Isabella McGinnis

Stamp Collecting - 1st Wednesday, 5:30,
Club Room - T. W. Pritchard

Voice Culture - Monday, 6:00,
1345E - Margaret Porter

WAGS - dinner meetings - 3rd Thursday,
6:30 - Hester Waters

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The next time you find yourself getting angry during a conversation, make up your mind not to raise your voice. Amazingly enough, you'll find that you can't stay angry if you keep your voice level...Selected

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"A half a loaf is better than no loaf at all," is an old maxim, but in these days of modern business those who succeed do not loaf at all.

...Northwestern National News

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Advice is something most people follow when it happens to be going in their direction.

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When you know you are doing your job perfectly - look for ways to improve it - or someone else will...

Martin Vanbee

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SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Don't say the thing's impossible -
The chances are you'll rue it,
Because some fool who doesn't know
Will come along and do it!

Home Service News



COMMUNITY AND WAR CHEST

The Community and War Chest drive sponsored by the Farm Credit Club got underway in FCA on October 17. FCA employees as always are responding generously and it is hoped that the quota will be met when all pledges are in. The FCA Farm Credit Club annual chest publication, the KEY, has kept the members of the club informed during the drive.

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WAG Meeting

The WAGS began their 1945-46 season with a most successful dinner meeting on Thursday evening, October 18. The Aladdin Hotel was the scene of activities - a delicious turkey dinner being served in the Grill, and the program carried on in the privacy of the 16th floor club-room.

"Music Hath Charms" was the subject chosen by the leader, Waverly Haynes, for an interesting and instructive session. The meeting was opened with group singing and closed with a musical quiz program which was won in a walk by pianist, Elizabeth Frew. Mrs. George H. Gorton, one of Kansas City's most prominent women, brought a message regarding the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra. Her close association with cultural growth of Kansas City, and her knowledge of Kansas City history as well as present day world affairs made her talk a brilliant one which seemed all too short.

The next WAG meeting is scheduled for 11:00 on Saturday, November 17. An

escorted trip through the Nelson Art Gallery is planned, and all who wish to be sent a notice should contact Evelyn Gibson, Room 2330.

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IT'S HERE!

A new cooling machine has been received from the Royal Crown Bottling Company to replace the one which just couldn't take the hard wear it received in the Club Room.

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When the bashful guy told the girl he knew he was just a pebble in her heart, she suggested that he try being a little boulder.

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Etiquette is defined by the small boy as "the noise you must not eat soup with."

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Even a wife who loves knitting kicks when her husband hands her the same old yarn.

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The fellow who says he would go through anything for his girl friend doesn't necessarily mean his bank account.

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DOLLARS SAVED NOW WILL PROTECT
THE VALUE OF FUTURE DOLLARS

Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

LAUGHING STOCK by Bennett Cerf
HEARTWOOD by Anne Miller Downes
CASS TIMBERLANE by Sinclair Lewis
A GIRL TO COME HOME TO by Grace
Livingston Hill
HIGH BARBAREE by Nordhoff and Hall
ROGUES' GALLERY by Ellery Queen
THE MANATEE by Nancy Bruff
MOST SECRET by Nevil Shute
THE GAUNTLET by James Street

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CHANGE IN BOOK FEES

The Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Club has prescribed the following schedule of fees for books borrowed from the library beginning Monday, October 29:

1. Fees will hereafter be charged at the rate of 2 cents per day, excepting Saturdays and Sundays.
2. The 3-day free period will be discontinued.

REDUCED RATES FOR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Club members may purchase books and magazine subscriptions at reduced rates through an arrangement with the local branch of the American News Company. Ask the librarian in the club room for full details concerning discounts now available.

PLAYING CARDS REQUESTED

The Club will welcome any idle playing cards you may have at home and are

willing to contribute for use in the Club Room. Cards should be turned in to the Executive Secretary, Katherine Delany.

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ECHOES IN MEXICO

The recent article in the KANSAS CITY STAR, which mentioned El Club Vespertino, was condensed and printed in Spanish in the October 12 issue of TIEMPO, an international news weekly similar to our TIME magazine, which is published in Mexico City.

The Federated Pan American Clubs of Greater Kansas City, of which El Club Vespertino is a member, will present Samuel Martinez, noted Mexican violinist, in an informal concert at Epperson House of the University of Kansas City on November 9. A leading figure in Inter-American affairs, and founder and director of the Yucatan Symphony Orchestra, Sr. Martinez is the head of the only concert circuit in Mexico and Central America, which he founded. Refreshments will be served after the program. Further announcements will be made concerning this presentation.

At its meeting of October 24, Sr. Eduardo L. Sanchez, Cuban Consul, will talk in Spanish to the members and their guests on Cuba. Sr. Ralph Andrade will be the guest speaker at the first meeting in November. Sr. Andrade will select his own subject.

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BEGINNERS' SPANISH

A new class in beginners' Spanish has been organized under the direction of Sr. Alberto Herrera of Peru.

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We hope that the world has seen its worst daze.



Sportlight

FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE (Thursday, October 11, 1945)

Standings	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Reports	13	8	15,349
Accounts	13	8	14,202
Short-Term	12	9	15,215
Harvesters	11	10	15,729
Field Acctg.	11	10	15,284
Graphic	10	11	15,600
Examination	8	13	15,443
Bankers	6	15	13,539

ACTUAL

HIG	Olson	248
HIS	Dahill	620
HTG	Field Accounting	924
HTS	Harvesters	2,450

HANDICAP

HTG	Field Accounting	924
HTS	Examination	2,465

BIG THREE

Dahill	182-3
Frazee	165-4
Hein	164-14

After his mates split the first two with Short-Term, Ludlow came through with a 163 to clinch the third for Accounts and lift his team to a first-place tie. Yorkdale was high with 504-180. Short-Term threw an 804 to take the first easily and then couldn't stand prosperity. Frazee topped the losers with 465-180, with Warburton's 460-187 next first.

Reports dropped two to the split-picking Harvesters when Dahill tossed a neat 547-205, and Armacost rolled a helpful 479-173. Collins led the losers with 494-167, which with Hein's 460-168 was good for one.

Field Accounting couldn't get under way until the third, when Selby tied together a string of strikes for 174 to avoid a shutout. Vince Johnson donated a nice 497-178 in vain. Graphic was torrid in the first two, with Elkins 502-188 leading and Dreschers' 479-196 next best.

Examination, still only luke-warm, took the odd one from Bankers when Howard pitched a snappy 505-177. Bankers, with the help of Sub Bushnell who contributed a 414-157, managed to snare one for the win column.

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE (Thursday, October 11, 1945)

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pinfall
Legal	14	7	12,220
Personnel	13	8	12,123
Finance and Acct.	12	9	12,192
Reports	11	10	11,964
Audit	10	11	11,398
Purchase	9	12	11,560
Graphic	8	13	11,651
Production Credit	7	14	11,303

RECORDS

HTG	Legal	680
HTS	Legal	1,921
HIG	Carter	201
HIS	McGee	469

AVERAGES

McGee	144
Palmer	133
Wassenberg	128

Aided by Lochbaum's 153 in the first game, Legal took the first and second

from Production Credit, retaining their one-game lead for top spot. Despite Holland's 394, Audit was unable to take more than one game from Personnel. Finance and Accounts downed Reports for two and moved into third place in the line-up. Graphic moved out of the cellar position by taking two from Purchase. Palmer's 154-404 was high game and set for the series.

KEEN COMPETITION IN BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Keen competition is developing in the race for top place in the 1945 Bridge Tournament. With four rounds of play, John Maguire leads with 19,710 points. Dorothy O'Bryan, scoring 18,560, moved into second place, passing Ellis Batten by a nice margin. Kathleen Thomas remains among the top three with 18,440 points. Others in the top half are Ella Wells, with 17,280; Erma Dinger, 16,964; Ellis Batten, 15,800; Lorraine Meuers, 14,940; and Pearl Ferguson, 13,850.

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BAR FLY

In the morning I hang on the bar
As I try to remain on my feet.
Though I scan the whole place near
and far
There is no such a thing as a seat.

The dank air makes my head seem so
light
While humanity surges too near.
If I start with my hat set just
right,
It is knocked down around my right
ear.

Oh, I beg of the man who is boss.
I implore you, kind sir, from my
knees.
Send an empty big bus, broad across,
To convey us down town sans the
squeeze!

PICTURES RECORD SUCCESSFUL HIKE

Twelve hardy hikers, despite threatening rain, opened the hiking season on Saturday, October 13, with a visit to the Wyandotte County Park in Kansas. Lead by Hoyt Elkins, the group tramped through the wooded hills enjoying the colorful reds and yellows of the autumn foliage. The lake, which they found to be fast filling a large spot in the 1500-acre tract, now boasts of a motor boat used for part patrol duty.

On reaching the open fireplace, it was discovered that red points had been squandered on large juicy steaks which soon sizzled over the fire. Photographer Mary Freeze set up her camera, draped a black cloth over her head and obtained some interesting and amusing shots of the hikers. Prints of the picture of Dorothy O'Bryan enjoying a "huge" bite of steak are much in demand; while in the album of a number of hikers will be found the twilight campfire scene with the hikers' mouths opened in song, lead, it seemed, by Jean Sutter and Louise Pressgrove who stood prima donna fashion in the foreground.

The hiking dozen included Louise Bowman, Dorothy O'Bryan, Pearl Ferguson, Edith Threlkeld, Irene McCollom and her small son, Phil, Louise Pressgrove, Mary Freeze, Pat Ross, Dorothy Dick, Hoyt Elkins, and Jean Sutter ever faithful to her hiking record.

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For future reference: A pinch of salt is greatly improved, on a warm afternoon, by dropping it in a cold stein of beer.

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GAL: I intend to marry an officer and
a gentlemen.

GOB: That would be bigamy, Honey.